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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Sirs:

I am writing to register my disapproval of the proposed Microsoft settlement. It in no way properly addresses the amount of damage caused to the software and computer industry by Microsoft over the years and, as that company's continued blatant anticompetitive behavior illustrates, does not serve to restrict any further violations of antitrust law.

If Microsoft is not regulated in some meaningful way, the market will never become competitive again. In the absence of an environment which allows (much less fosters) effective competition, consumers will continue to suffer and potential competitors will continue to suffer. Furthermore, if heretofore unknown problems within Microsoft were to destroy that company after it had erased competition, the impact on our economy would be devastating.

Please do not allow the Settlement to pass as is. It is insufficient, ineffective, and an insult to everybody who has been affected in an adverse way by Microsoft's immoral and illegal business practices.

Thank you.

Signed,
Christopher W. Carlson

My opinion does not necessarily reflect that of my employer.